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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JUNE 2 MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN FONMIN
KAMEL

1. SECRETARY (ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADORS YO'NG, EILTS AND
ATHERTON AND ASST SECY SAUNDERS) AND FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL
DISCUSSED CURRENT STATUS OF PEACE PROCESS AT JUNE 2 WORK-
ING LUNCH IN NEW YORK. WHILE EXPRESSING SATISFACTION RE
ARMS PACKAGEVOTE, KAMEL INDICATED CONCERN OVER SLOW PACE
OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND UNDERScoreD GROWING PRESSURES ON
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SADAT FROM OTHER ARAB STATES, TO FOREGO FURTHER DIRECT
CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL.

2. RE EGYPTIAN WEST BANK/GAZA PROPOSAL OF MAY 17, SECY
SUGGESTED CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO IMPROVE IT FOR EVENTUAL
PRESENTATION TO THE ISRAELIS. DURING DISCUSSION THIS
ISSUE KAMEL CONFIRMED FOUR POINTS:

--EGYPT CLEARLY SUPPORTS LINKAGE OF WEST BANK AND GAZA WITH JORDAN, NOT AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE.

--ISRAEL COULD KEEP MILITARY FORCES IN THE WEST BANK DURING TRANSITION PERIOD.

--EGYPT'S POSITION IS THAT ISRAEL'S SECURITY CONCERNS MUST BE DEALT WITH BEFORE ISRAEL WITHDRAWS, NOT AFTERWARDS.

--EGYPT REMAINS READY TO RESUME DIRECT TALKS WITH ISRAEL IF THE ISRAELIS BRING SOMETHING NEW TO DISCUSS.

3. U.S. SIDE URGED EGYPTIANS TO REVIEW THEIR PROPOSAL WITH A VIEW TOWARD INCLUDING ABOVE AND OTHER POINTS THAT WOULD OFFER REASSURANCES TO ISRAELIS. KAMEL MADE NO COMMITMENT, BUT SAID GOE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

4. SECRETARY TOLD KAMEL THAT WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE ISRAEL'S RESPONSE TO OUR TWO QUESTIONS. IF ISRAELI REPLY IS POSITIVE, WE COULD PROCEED DIRECTLY WITH FURTHER TALKS. IF NOT (AND SECRETARY CAUTIONED KAMEL AGAINST UNDUE OPTIMISM) A U.S. PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT FORWARD. KAMEL CONCURRED IN THIS COURSE, BUT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER DETAILED USG-GOE CONSULTATIONS BEFORE U.S. TABLES A DOCUMENT.

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SECRETARY ASSURED KAMEL ON THIS SCORE.

5. WITH KAMEL (WHO EXPECTS TO RETURN TO CAIRO FROM NEW YORK ON JUNE 6) WERE AHMAD MAHER AND NABIL AL-ARABY FROM CAIRO, AMBASSADOR ABDEL MEGUID AND GHORBAL, AND EGYPTIAN EMBASSY DCM SHAKER. CHRISTOPHER

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